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SUBJECT: 1974 NATO DEFENSE PLANNING WORKSHOP

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- 1. USNATO HAS NOT YET RECEIVED WASHINGTON DESIGNATION OF U.S. SPEAKERS AND PARTICIPANTS FOR PANEL DISCUSSION AT NATO DEFENSE PLANNING WORKSHOP TO BE HELD AT OBERAMMERGAU, GERMANY, IN LATE JANUARY 1974 (SEE USNATO 3777).
- 2. WE SUPPORT WASHINGTON REPRESENTATION AT BOTH SESSIONS (DEFENSE MANAGEMENT AND DEFENSE POLICY) OF THE 1974 WORKSHOP. IN ADDITION, WE THINK IT WOULD BE IN THE U.S. INTEREST TO HAVE ONE OR MORE SENIOR U.S. OFFICIALS ATTEND AT LEAST PART OF BOTH SESSIONS.
- 3. IN PAST YEARS, MR. MEYER TARTASKY, DOD PRINCIPAL DEPUTY COMPTROLLER (SYSTEMS POLICY AND INFORMATION) HAS OFTEN ATTENDED AND MADE USEFUL CONTRIBUTIONS TO NATO WORKSHOPS. HIS PARTICIPATION WOULD AGAIN BE WELCOMED AT THE DEFENSE MANAGEMENT PORTION (JANUARY 22 TO 25) OF THE WORKSHOP.

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4. WE LOOK UPON THE SECOND PORTION OF THE WORKSHOP, COVERING CURRENT DEFENSE POLICY QUESTIONS (JANUARY 28 TO 31), AS OFFERING A USEFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR THE U.S. TO DISCUSS WITH OUR ALLIES THE BASIC DEFENSE ISSUES RAISED BY SECRETARY

SCHLESINGER AT THE JUNE 1973 DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING. MISSION WILL, OF COURSE, PROVIDE REPRESENTATION AT THIS PORTION OF THE WORKSHOP. IN ADDITION, WE SUGGEST THAT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR A SENIOR MEMBER OF THE STAFF OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (ISA) TO ATTEND AND MAKE A U.S. PRESENTATION ON BASIC ISSUES IN DEFENSE PLANNING AT THE SECOND PORTION OF THE WORKSHOP.

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